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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following document be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application.

AA United States Patent No. 6,574,000

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AA discloses a franking system that ensures that a franking imprint on a mail item has been printed by an authorized (i.e., USPS approved) printer. This is accomplished by the printer printing identification information in the franking imprint, and the franking imprint being reviewed at a data center to check whether the identification information associated with the printer and contained in the franking imprint is correct.

The system disclosed in Reference AA is therefore directed to solving the same problem (printer authentication in a postage meter) as the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the present application, but does so in a significantly different way. Reference AA does not disclose or suggest conveying the printer identification information in a communication between the postage meter, that

contains the printer, and a data center prior to the postage meter ever being commissioned, and does not disclose or suggest any type of automatic disablement of the printer, to preclude the printer from printing anything, if the printer identification information is not verified.

A copy of Form 1449 with Reference AA listed thereon is submitted herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), and is accompanied by a check for the requisite fee in the amount of \$180.00.

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